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1. The total number of Chinese Communist Army troops, including some small Korean units in Ssapingchieh, is between 30,000 and 40,000. All of the soldiers are well equipped and in complete uniforms. They are well disciplined and their morale is high. Some troops equipped with automatic rifles (Japanese model unknown) were seen.
2. ~~25X1A~~ The Garrison Commander of Ssapingchieh (124-22,43-11) is KAO P'eng (高 朋). The Vice-Commander is CHANG Hsueh-wan (張 學 文). The headquarters of the Ssapingchieh Garrison is at Erh-ma Lu (臥馬路). Tien-ch'iao-hsia (天橋下). Tao-li (道 裡) Ssapingchieh City, which is the former compound (building) of the South Manchurian Railway Company.
3. The head of the Public Peace Office (公安處) is HSIEH Hai-ch'uan (謝 海 泉). The Public Peace Office corresponds to the General Headquarters of the Police Bureau in Mukden and is at Pei-tou (北 頭), Sau-ma Lu (蘇馬路) Ju-shao Li (入 道 裡), Ssapingchieh City.
4. The Public Peace Bureau, consisting of between 300 and 400 persons, is headed by CHU Kuo-p'ing (朱 國 平) and his assistant LIEN Kio-jung (廉 克 榮). The Public Peace Bureau is in the same building as the Public Peace Office.
5. In the latter part of April 1948 (exact date unknown), approximately 125 Soviet soldiers, who were believed to be sniper troops, arrived in Ssapingchieh in 6 large (6x6) trucks from Paichengtzu (122-52,45-37). The 125 soldiers returned to Paichengtzu after spending 3 days in Ssapingchieh. The local CCP troops thought that the Soviet soldiers had come to Ssapingchieh to assist the CCP in an offensive against Tiehling, but the conclusion reached when the Soviet soldiers left Ssapingchieh was that they were merely conducting motor transport liaison.

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6. At the present time there are 8 or 10 Soviet drivers, who are attached to the Chinese Communist Army Automobile Unit in Seupingchieh, operating 6 x 6 trucks between Seupingchieh and Liacyuan (123-30, 43-30).
7. There are "some" Soviet drivers attached to CCP units in Laiyuan and Tungliao (122-14, 43-38).
8. Soviet soldiers, number unknown, who were sent from Harbin are now stationed in Paichengtzu.
9. A private in the Chinese Communist Army receives a monthly salary of 600 Chinese Communist yuan. This sum is only enough to buy one package of cigarettes. However, in addition to the salary, each soldier received one catty of tobacco leaves per month and from time to time is given towels, soap, socks and rubber shoes.

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